

## **THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY**

**February 2012 – Week 2**

**Air Date: February 5 – February 11 (Sunday – Saturday)**



### **TITLE: CHICKEN SALAD SCANDAL**

FEBRUARY 1915 AND THE CHICKEN SALAD SCANDAL BEGINS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

FEBRUARY 11, 1915. AUSTIN. FOR YEARS, TEXAS GOVERNORS HOSTED PARTIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE. TODAY, THE LEGISLATURE PASSES A BILL TO PAY FOR FOOD AND DRINK AT THE RESIDENCE.

WHEN IT'S REVEALED THAT THE BILL INCLUDES A REIMBURSEMENT FOR "CHICKEN SALAD AND PUNCH" THE PRESS GOES WILD. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RULES THE BILL UNCONSTITUTIONAL, BUT GOVERNOR "PA" FERGUSON SIGNS IT ANYWAY.

THE "CHICKEN SALAD CASE" GOES TO COURT AND IS OVERTURNED, BUT FERGUSON CONTINUES TO SPEND THE MONEY.

WHEN FERGUSON IS LATER IMPEACHED, ONE OF THE CHARGES IS THE MISUSE OF STATE MONEY UNDER THE "CHICKEN SALAD" MEASURE.

CHICKEN SALAD WOULD HELP IMPEACH A GOVERNOR, 97 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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